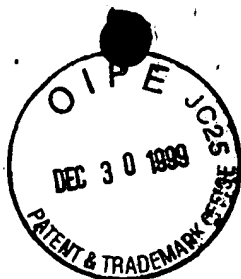


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of September 27, 1999, entry of the present amendment effecting claim amendments to place the application into